GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:266
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Demand and Supply of Fertilizers
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) the demand and supply of various fertilizers in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether shortage of fertilizers and delay in supply have been reported in various States and if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken thereon;

(c) whether the Fertilizer Association of India along with Argus Media had organized a two-day event to understand trends and anticipated growth in water soluble fertilizers in the country and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) the major issues discussed in the aforesaid conference along with the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to meet the growing demand for NPK and water soluble fertilizers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

*(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *266 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2017 REGARDING "DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS".
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(a): A state-wise statement showing cumulative demand(requirement), supply (availability) and sales of subsidized chemical fertilizers i.e. (Urea, DAP, MOP &NPK) for the last three years i.e. 2013-14 to 2014-15 and current year, 2016-17 (upto February) is at Annexure-1.

(b): It can be seen from the statement at Annexure-1 that there is no shortage or availability of any fertilizer. It is also informed that there is no report of delay in supply to any State.

(c) & (d): The Fertilizer Association of India in collaboration with Argus FMB organized a Conference on 'NPK and Water Soluble Fertilizers India 2017' on 9-10 February, 2017 at New Delhi. The Conference was attended by 100 participants from 15 countries. Thirteen presentations on various topics like demand, supply, quality of NPK & water soluble fertilizers, water management, balanced nutrient management including micronutrients, etc. were made. It was presented that growth in speciality fertilizers (which includes water soluble fertilizers), is driven by innovative products, fertigation and foliar method of application of fertilizers.

During the presentations, it emerged that the use of water soluble fertilizers has increased from 9600 metric tonnes in 2002-03 to 178000 metric tonnes in 2015-16, which translates to an annual compound growth rate of 25.2 percent. The use of water soluble fertilizers is expected to grow in view of growing adoption of micro irrigation system namely drip & sprinkler, increasing area under horticultural crops etc.

(e): To meet the growing demand for NPK fertilizers in the country, the P&K fertilizers were brought under Nutrient Based Subsidy Policy in the year 2010. Under this policy fixed subsidy is paid on the nutrient content for notified products. Before the start of the season the demand for P&K fertilizers is assessed by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW). Accordingly, monthly supply plan commensurate with the monthly requirement is issued to all the States. To bridge the gap between the requirement and domestic production, companies import P&K fertilizers (which are under Open General Licence). In past few years there have been no shortage of P&K fertilizers. For water soluble P & K fertilizers, DAC&FW has notified six 100% water soluble P&K fertilizers and also notified the specifications in Fertilizer Control Order.

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